GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROPAGATION OF INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to propagate India's cultural heritage and value system particularly amongst youth;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up centres for the purpose in the country including West Bengal; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 FOR 15.07.2009 REGARDING PROPAGATION OF INDIAN CULTURE.

a) Propagation of India's cultural heritage and value systems is an integral part of the mandate of the Ministry of Culture, and a number of institutions have been set up and schemes formulated for this purpose. Archeological Survey of India and Museums situated across the country are the warehouses of our ancient cultural heritage. The Academies take up the promotion of cultural diversity in the areas of literature, performing arts and visual arts. Institutions of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies under the Ministry as well as special Libraries like Rampur Raza Library and Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library preserve the knowledge and literature of a wide spectrum of our heritage. The seven Zonal Cultural Centres works for the promotion of diverse folk cultures. All these organizations undertake a variety of activities to create heritage awareness amongst general public including younger sections of the society, and to propagate India's rich cultural heritage and value systems through greater participation, financial assistance and general engagement. In addition, a number of schemes are operated by the Ministry directly to provide financial and other support for the conduct of wide ranging activities in the field by various agencies and individuals.

While the activities of this Ministry address all sections of the society belonging to various age groups, there are some specific programmes/activities that take into account the specific requirements /needs of youths and children. The details of all such programmes being undertaken by the Ministry and its organizations are contained in the Annual Reports of the Ministry, which have been laid on the table of both houses of Parliament.

b & c): The task of propagating India's cultural heritage is performed through a network of 41 organizations under the Ministry of Culture, spread across the country, each of which is established for a distinct and definitive purpose. There is no specific proposal to set up additional centres/organizations especially for propagating India's cultural Heritage and value system, at this stage.